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1. The airfield was about five miles northwest of VASALEMMA (24°16' E/59°14' N), Estonian SSR. The following airfield installations were completed by February 1947:
  - a. A concrete runway about 130x4,000 feet: 12- to 16-inch subgrade, about 6-inch broken stone layer, rolled sand layer, covered with hexagonal 8-inch concrete slabs with roofing paper between.
  - b. A taxiway: Metal foundation, concrete surface, about 6 inches thick.
  - c. Landing field with drainage facilities and newly sown grass cover.
  - d. EM quarters and officers' dwelling houses.
2. The officers' houses were occupied by naval officers and their dependents in February 1947. The officers wore dark blue navy uniforms with two or four golden stars on their epaulets and short silver stripes on their sleeves. About 150 naval soldiers were quartered in the EM cantonment buildings. The aircraft crews were also naval troops.
3. The airfield was not permanently or consistently occupied. Fighters and biplanes landed there frequently, staying for several days. Two or three amphibian aircraft were stationed there for a prolonged time.
 

a. Description. (see annex): Four-engine semi-high-wing monoplane, radial engine, glazed nose compartment with several windows on the side. Glazed gunner's stations on top, under fuselage, and between tail assembly, double rudder assembly, angular wings

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without dihedral or sweep-back. About the same size as the Ju-52. Estimated speed: 155 mph.

b. The plane used the entire length of the runway for taking off. After the take-off the landing gear was retracted into the fuselage and covered with flaps. The aircraft had a six or seven-man crew. It was observed that individual parachute jumps from this type of plane and from biplanes were done at an altitude of more than 3,300 feet.

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Comment:

Report supplements previous information on the field, according to which a pilot school of the naval air arm has been stationed at this improvised airfield since the end of the war. The three amphibian aircraft, known from previous reports to be single-engine or twin-engine aircraft, are, according to this report, four-engine aircraft. From the available contradictory data it is impossible to identify the observed amphibian aircraft.

1 Annex: Amphibian Aircraft Observed at the Airfield of VASALANZA

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\* Comment: About 300 naval soldiers were reported to be stationed here in

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